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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A closed container system for a live plant having roots, the closed container system comprising:

a body defining a body lumen, the body having a base and a top to close the body lumen;

a removable top lid adapted to cover the body lumen at the top of the body;

a removable bottom lid adapted to cover the body lumen at the base of the body;

a subcontainer adapted to be slidably engaged and housed entirely within the body lumen;

a water-retaining hydrogel contained in the subcontainer;

a lid adapted to cover the subcontainer, the lid having a face; and

a second lumen in the face of the lid adapted to provide access by the roots of the live plant to the hydrogel and hinder leakage of the hydrogel out of the subcontainer.

2. (previously presented) The closed container system of claim 1 wherein the second lumen is a tapered lumen such that the diameter of the second lumen is narrower at the end of the second lumen furthest from the face of the lid.

3. (previously presented) The closed container system of claim 2 wherein the tapered lumen is rectangular.

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4. (previously presented) The closed container system of claim 2 wherein the tapered lumen has a non-tapering portion.
5. (previously presented) The closed container system of claim 2 wherein the tapered lumen is cylindrical.
6. (previously presented) The closed container system of claim 1 wherein the body is transparent.
7. (previously presented) The closed container system of claim 1 wherein the subcontainer is transparent.
8. (previously presented) The closed container system of claim 1 further comprising a plant food added to the hydrogel.
9. (previously presented) The closed container system of claim 1 further comprising a hook or display card.
10. (currently amended) A container system for a live plant, the container system comprising:

a body defining a main lumen having a base opening and a top opening;

a removable top lid adapted to close the top opening of the main lumen;

a removable bottom lid adapted to close the bottom opening of the main lumen;

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a container entirely within the main lumen of the body and engaging the inner surface of the main lumen;

a water-retaining hydrogel within the container;

a divider to cover the container so as to separate the hydrogel from the main lumen of the body; and

a second lumen in the divider, the second lumen being configured to provide access by the roots of the live plant to the hydrogel and hinder the hydrogel from migrating from one side of the divider to the other side of the divider.

11. (previously presented) The container system of claim 10 wherein the second lumen is elongate.

12. (previously presented) The container system of claim 10 wherein the second lumen is a tapered lumen.

13. (previously presented) The container system of claim 12 wherein the tapered lumen is in a face of the divider, the diameter of the tapered lumen being narrower at the end of the lumen furthest from the face of the divider.

14. (previously presented) The container system of claim 13 wherein the tapered lumen is cylindrical.

15. (previously presented) The container system of claim 13 wherein the tapered lumen is rectangular.

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16. (previously presented) The container system of claim 13 wherein the tapered lumen has a non-tapering portion.
17. (cancelled)
18. (previously presented) The container system of claim 10 wherein the body is transparent.
19. (cancelled)
20. (previously presented) The container system of claim 10 wherein the divider includes a rim.
21. (previously presented) The container system of claim 10 further comprising a plant food added to the hydrogel.
22. (cancelled)
23. (previously presented) The closed container system of claim 1 further comprising a live plant in the body lumen, wherein the roots of the plant protrude through the second lumen into the hydrogel in the subcontainer.
24. (previously presented) The container system of claim 10 further comprising a live plant having leaves in the main lumen of the body, wherein the roots of the plant protrude through the second lumen in the divider into the hydrogel in the container.